

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending. Claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended to more particularly point out the Applicant's invention. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 12. Accordingly, claim 12 has been converted to independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Thus, claim 12 should be allowable. Claim 4 was previously cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the instant Amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 10 haven been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pokrinchak, U.S. Patent No. 4,510,708. In order for there to be anticipation, each and everyone of the elements must be disclosed in a single reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended recite elements clearly not disclosed or suggested by the Pokrinchak patent. Indeed, the claims now recite that the electrical power source is actuated by an electronic sensor which directly senses films to be viewed.

The Pokrinchak patent, on the other hand, teaches a relatively complicated mechanical system which uses a number of levers to actuate a sensor in order to operate the power source. The gears and levers associated with the Pokrinchak patent are subject to mechanical wear and failure unlike the configuration of the portable film viewer recited in the claims at issue which is configured to operate the power source as function of the sensor independent of the film grip assembly which can be independent of the film grip assembly. For these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that not only is there no anticipation but that the Pokrinchak patent

actually teaches away.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Pokrinchak in view of Hill U.S. Patent No. 5,174,607. The Hill patent was cited for teaching an “illuminated” clipboard made of plastic. The applicant respectfully disagrees with the characterization of the Hill patent. It is respectfully submitted that the portable clipboard disclosed in the Hill ‘607 patent is not illuminated. Indeed, the Hill patent discloses a clipboard that is removable from the base. Notwithstanding, the Hill patent does not disclose or suggest a system as recited in the claims at issue which includes an automatic circuit for automatically sensing when films, such as x-ray films, have been placed on the machine. For these reasons and the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pokrinchak in view of Abrams, U. S. Patent 4,751,615. The Pokrinchak patent has been discussed above. The Abrams patent discloses a page light and does not otherwise disclose a portable film viewer as recited in the claims at issue. The Abrams patent was cited for disclosing a battery powered device. For these reasons and the reasons above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

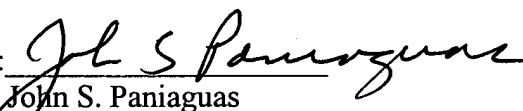
Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pokrinchak in view of Wright et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,751,620. Claim 11 is a dependent claim and recites a knob. The Wright patent was cited for disclosing a knob next to the hasp in 38 as generally shown in Fig. 1. However, unlike the invention reciting claim 11, the knob disclosed

in the Wright patent is not configured for carrying the device. Accordingly, for these reasons and the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pokrinchak. It is respectfully submitted that the sensor recited in claims 5 and 6 is used to directly sense a film inserted into the portable film viewer to be viewed. Unlike the configuration disclosed in the Pokrinchak patent which utilizes a number of levers and mechanical devices which need to be actuated before the circuit is automatically actuated. Such mechanical devices are subject to wear and mechanical failure. For these reasons and the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

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